



FRIDAY 13 MAY 2022

We have been so proud of Year 6 this week as they approached their tests with positivity, confidence and resilience. They were fuelled each day with a bacon or sausage bap and we are very grateful to Mrs Barnes and her kitchen team for supplying these!

Mrs Frampton

Volunteers

We are currently looking for volunteers for a range of roles in school. They have different time commitments and hopefully you may feel able to support with one of these roles.

PTA—we are keen to re establish a PTA to support fundraising for the school. The PTA needs a committee and non committee members.

Reading Sheds—we need some parents who would be able to support us setting up two sheds on the playgrounds that we want to develop in to reading dens

Bedtime Book Bags—we need a volunteer to set up the bags for each class

Reading—we are always looking for volunteers to listen to children read

If you are able to offer support with any of these roles, please call or email the school office and the most relevant team member will contact you with more information.

Jubilee Celebrations

On the last day of half term, Friday 27th May we will be holding a Jubilee picnic for children and parents on the school field.

You will receive more information in a separate letter. We would like children to wear red, white and blue for the day. The event will start at 12.30 with the children singing a special Jubilee song they are learning and then we will move onto the fields for a picnic. The kitchen will make a packed lunch for any child who has ordered a school meal for that day. We hope to have some entertainment during the afternoon too. After you have enjoyed your picnic you are welcome to take your child home after signing them out with a member of staff.

Parent Governor

We have one vacancy for a parent to join our Governing Body. We really value the input of all members of our school community and would encourage you to think about whether you can join our friendly team. If you'd like to know more about the role you can chat to Mrs Frampton or Mr Wallace at the gate or email clerk@somerford.dorset.sch.uk

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Free webinar for parents

Loneliness: How to Support Young People - Alex Cochrane

It's normal to feel lonely sometimes. However, now with the COVID-19 pandemic isolating young people perhaps more than ever before, if it looks and feels like these feelings are taking over in young people, we want to be there. As parents, carers and educators we want to be able to recognise the signs, and this presentation will help us to have a better understanding of loneliness.

The session will help us feel more confident to offer support to our young people experiencing symptoms of loneliness, who may have barriers in trusting others. We will look at ways of starting a conversation and discuss ways to help and potential signposting for young people to know there is support available. Our goal is for us to help the young person to feel less alone and for them to feel comfortable to reach out and choose something or someone to connect with.

Tuesday 17th May 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/loneliness-how-to-support-young-people-tickets-274148093327>

Headlice

We have received reports of headlice in school. Please ensure you use the weekend to check your child's hair and treat if necessary. Please can long hair be tied back in school.

Non Smoking Site

Please remember the whole school site is non smoking / non vaping. This includes the car parks and waiting area by the main gate. We would also appreciate you not smoking by the back gates when collecting or dropping off. Thank you.

Free webinar for parents

Why sleeping well matters and what you can do to improve it! - Christine Curl
Is it really true that we can cut sleep and get away with it? And what if it's a struggle to get to sleep? During this webinar, Christine will explain why sleep matters to our young people's physical and mental health and what is happening in the body and mind when you sleep. She will suggest some ideas and habits to build to improve the quality of your sleep and your children's sleep.

Wednesday 25th May at 6.00pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/why-sleeping-well-matters-and-what-you-can-do-to-improve-it-tickets-256100091267>

Illness

If your child has a sickness bug, please ensure they remain off school for 48 hours after their symptoms end. This is in line with Public Health guidance.

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An update from our catering company, HC3S

With all families being affected by the cost-of-living price increases in one form or another, we want to remind parents that school lunches are FREE to all children in KS1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) under the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) scheme. Children eat a two course lunch and can have freshly baked bread and salad too.

We are excited to be reopening our salad and bread bar again next week!

Early Help Navigator

Many of you would have met Rachel who has been working at school 2.5 days a week supporting our children and families. We are sad to have said goodbye to Rachel now but pleased to welcome Steph Robinson to our team. She is currently completing her induction and will start working with families after half term.

Bike Safety Sessions

We are excited that Sustrans are offering bike safety sessions at school next week. If your child was interested in taking part they would have been given a letter. You can request a letter from your child's class teacher if you have not received one. Your child will need a well fitting cycle helmet in order to participate.

Beat the Keeper

Sadly, due to COVID and other illness, we have had to postpone our Beat the Keeper event a couple of times. This is now scheduled for Monday 23rd May. We are grateful to Felix in Y6 who has organised this event to raise funds for the school. If children wish to have a go they need to bring in £1 on the day and if they'd like a drink and cake they will be on sale for 50p.

Half Term

School will be closed from Monday 30th May until Friday 3rd June. Children return to school on Monday 6th June.

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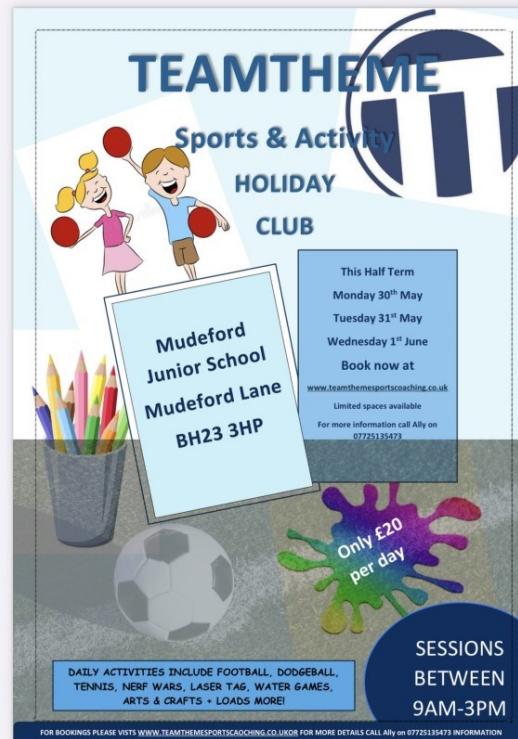
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